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(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,279, Confirmation No. 3900 entitled "SMART CARD SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA FILES," filed October 20, 1999; and

(3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/609,645, entitled "SMART CARD SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL IMAGING FILES," filed July 3, 2000.

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	C2	Office Action for Application 09/421,279, September 15, 2003.	
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